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"MERI"[11] on his own initiative advises that his known to you friend WITTFOGEL[VITFOGEL'](111), who supports

[19 groups unrecovered],

told "MERI

[31 groups unrecoverable]

.....GEN[b] explained that this is

[13 groups unrecovered]

to WITTFOGEL.

[18 groups unrecovered]

also on the fact that MERI's information confirms "OSIPOV's"[iv] information [2 groups unrecovered].

"ERSH"[v] indicates that according to rumors in [D% circulation] among workers of the "IZBA"[vi]

[17 groups unrecovered]

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Notes: [a] Not available. Also referred to in NEW YORK's External Serial no. 855 of 5th June 1943.  
[b] If correct this would probably be the last syllable of KARFAGEN, i.e. WASHINGTON, D.C. However, a common form of garble would give GEL and from the inflection it would probably be "about WITTFOGEL."

Comments:

- [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [11] MERI: Unidentified cover-name.
- [111] WITTFOGEL': Carl August WITTFOGEL.
- [iv] OSIPOV: Nikolaj Vladimirovich ORLOV.
- [v] ERSh: i.e. "RUFF," unidentified cover-name.
- [vi] IZBA: Office of Strategic Services.
- [vii] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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